

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 975

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today we will learn about guide dogs. Let's begin.

Many people around the world have dogs as pets. They think dogs are their friends. For people who cannot see, they have guide dogs. Actually, these dogs are not pets. They have an important job. They help their owners walk on the streets or inside a store.

We will listen to the next part in the next video. See you!

### Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 975

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1. Let's begin!

There was a town next to a river, where people wasted water. That made the Sky angry. It said, "If you waste water, I will take it away from you". But the people didn't listen. And so it happened.

A boy, determined this wasn't fair, thought of a solution. He asked the Sky to race him to the top of a hill.

"Little boy, I am the Sky. You cannot beat me!" said the Sky, but the boy knew he would win. When the boy started running, the Sky started raining on the hill. The water flowed down into the river. The people celebrated it and swore to never waste water again.

That was all for the story.

This was also my last dictation video. I wish you all the best and good luck in your studies!

Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 975

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, you are going to listen to a story about chewing gum.

The chewing gum that most people are familiar with first appeared in the 19th century and is an American invention. However, something like chewing gum may go back to thousand[s] of years ago when norther Europeans were chewing tree bark tar. Since then, various cultures have been chewing things like gum in different forms. The ancient Mayans of North America made gum from a material called “chicle” that comes from a special tree. It was used to make the mouth wet or fight hunger. The Aztecs also made gum from chicle and used it to freshen their [breath] and clean their teeth. Apparently, only children and single women could use it publicly. Married women and men were expected to only chew gum in private. The ancient Greek and Native Americans in North America also used chewing gum for similar purposes. Other materials, such as leaves or roots of certain plants, were also used as a chewing gum.

The chewing gum people enjoy today was first developed in the United States. It was made of sap from specific trees and later wax. Early versions had no flavor, but a flavored version called Black Jack became the first popular brand and is still sold today.

That is all for today, bye-bye!